

Valencia exchange meeting with parents and pupils

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Welcome to all parents and thank you for participating in the exchange programme.



Exchanges are different to other school trips.

Students really become immersed into the cultural life of the country.

They have to take care of their partners while they are living with them taking into account that this is their first time living with an English family.

Then, they have to live with the Spanish family and try and make themselves understood in Spanish.

Students who have taken part in the exchanges often say it was one of the best experiences of their school life.



Itinerary



ARRIVAL Friday 16th November

Pupils and staff from Santa Maria Marianistas will arrive at Manchester airport at around 9 am on Friday 16th and be brought to school.

St. Monica's pupils will be off timetable from period 3 to meet their partners, take part in get to know you activities, give their partners a tour of the school and then do a drama workshop.



Please bring a packed lunch for your partner or be ready to get them lunch in the school canteen.

Saturday 17th November

Scavenger hunt in Heaton park at
10.30 am.

**Free for the rest of the
weekend!**



Monday 19th November

Pupils are to arrive at school at the normal time and take their exchange partner to the chapel before AM reg. St Monica's pupils **MUST** be in AM reg on time every morning.

Tour of Manchester city centre
Visit to MOSI
Pupils should be back in school for
3pm



Please bring a packed lunch for your partner to take with them.

Tuesday 20th November

Pupils are to arrive at school at the normal time and take their exchange partner to the chapel before AM reg. St Monica's pupils **MUST** be in AM reg on time every morning.

Trip to Liverpool to see the slavery museum and cathedrals
Pupils should be back in school for
5pm



Please bring a packed lunch for your partner to take with them.

Wednesday 21st November

Pupils are to arrive at school at the normal time and take their exchange partner to the chapel before AM reg. St Monica's pupils **MUST** be in AM reg on time every morning.

Manchester United tour
Pupils should be back in school for
3pm



Please bring a packed lunch for your partner to take with them.

Thursday 22nd November

Pupils are to arrive at school at the normal time and take their exchange partner to the chapel before AM reg. St Monica's pupils **MUST** be in AM reg on time every morning.

Chester tour (Roman experience)
Pupils should be back in school for
5pm



Please bring a packed lunch for your partner to take with them.

Friday 23rd November



Departure on Ryanair flight FR2604
Spanish pupils to be in school at 6am
for a prompt departure

Things to Remember:



- ◊ Spanish students should speak English on their visit and English students will be expected to speak Spanish on their exchange.
- ◊ Activities should be planned for your child's exchange partner but you don't need to spend a lot of money.
- ◊ The Spanish pupils will have a project to complete whilst in England, please help them with this.
- ◊ Whilst it is nice to arrange group activities, please ensure that the English pupil is with their exchange partner and does not go off with other English pupils.
- ◊ Please ensure that your guest has money for transport to school and home if required. Always ensure that safe pick up points are arranged and times are made clear.

◇ Always check they have enough to eat – meal times and patterns vary in the two countries.

◇ Check that your guest likes the food and you accommodate their dietary requirements.

◇ Ensure that your guest is offered breakfast in the morning and is given a packed lunch for day trips.

◇ Ensure that a meal is prepared in the evening for your guest or take them out for a meal.

- ◊ Wherever possible there should be someone at home in the evening to check that everything is ok.
- ◊ Provide your guest with a comfortable room to sleep in and check with them that the room is ok. Same sex partners are ok to share a bedroom, but wherever possible, if there is a spare room, then allow your guest to have that.
- ◊ Make sure your guest knows how to work the shower/bath and that they can use the facilities when they need to.
- ◊ Check if pupils need any clothes washing during their stay – sometimes pupils might have to wear some items again if the weather changes and they haven't packed sufficiently.
- ◊ Internet access should be available to pupils so they can connect their mobile-phones or other handheld devices to the household Wi-Fi to enable them to contact their families via Skype, Facebook etc. without incurring huge charges. Where this is not possible, pupils should be able to use the household telephone to call their parents.

Please make sure that **everyone** has their mobile phone with them and charged at all times.



*Exchange mobile phones with partners and text to check on return times from day trips.

*When texting/phoning Spanish mobiles dial 0034 + the number.

*When Spanish are texting/phoning English mobiles dial 0044 + the number without the zero at the start of the number.

*Mobile phone numbers of teachers:

TO BE CONFIRMED







Last year's trip was a great success with the Valencia families treating us to a generous week; I know you will do your best to equally show them our hospitality.

Meeting for return trip:

To be arranged...

Any questions

